Introduction of Euro-III standard for automobiles

4035. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Euro-III standard in automobiles cars has been made applicable in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how far it would increase the cost of the cars manufactured by Maruti Udyog Limited and other companies;

(d) whether any deadline has been fixed to ensure that all cars in the country conform to Euro-III standard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) As per information received from Department of Road Transport & Highways, that Department has issued notification prescribing that vehicles manufactured on or after 1.4.2005, shall be registered in the 11 (eleven) mega cities namely NCR of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad/ Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Surat, Kanpur, Bangalore and Agra, only if these correspond to Bharat Stage III (akin to Euro-III) norms.

(c) According to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the increase in cost of cars due to introduction of Bharat Stage-III, norms would range from Rs. 5000 onwards depending on model.

(d) and (e) As per the road envisaged in the Auto Fuel Policy cars in the rest of the country (other than the aforesaid 11 cities) are expected to have Euro-III equivalent emission norms from 1st April, 2010.

Recruitment in PSUs

4036. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 163 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2005 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recruitment has been stopped in the PSUs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Seven out of eight Public Sector Enterprises/Units under the Department of Heavy Industry, located in the State of Andhra Pradesh, are sick/incurring losses. In some of the PSEs, Voluntary Retirement Scheme has also been implemented as a measure of manpower rationalization and therefore additional manpower is not being inducted. However, while reviewing the possibility of revival of PSEs, issue of specific manpower requirements for improving productivity is also being addressed.

Loss making PSUs

4037. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises;

(b) the loss incurred by them during each of the last three years;

(c) whether a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises has been established to address the issues pertaining to revival and restructuring of PSEs; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by BRPSE to revive the loss making PSEs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The information is given in statement 7-B of volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 2002-03, which was laid in the Parliament on 8.6.2004 and is a published document.

(c) and (d) The Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) was set up in December 2004. Enterprises specific proposals for revival/restructuring of sick/loss making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) are made by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments to the Board which examines the same and make recommendations to the Government for revival/restructuring of CPSEs. BRPSE has considered 15 such cases and made its recommendations on 10 of them.